

Steam Merchant TANDA Quarantined Fremantle 16th April 1944

British Steam Merchant "SM TANDA" came under quarantine jurisdiction on arrival Fremantle at 1.00 PM on the 16th April 1944.

(Note) There had been two deaths during the voyage to Fremantle, 1 Heatstroke, 1 Pneumonia)

All passengers and crew were revaccinated immediately, by Dr Murray, on arrival at Fremantle, and this was completed by 4.00 PM on that day.

Fumigation and disinfection of the vessel was completed by the 18th

There was one confirmed case of smallpox on board, a deck passenger, amongst whom the case of smallpox occurred, and are Indian seamen travelling to Sydney, to join a vessel there.

"It is probable that there was be little contact between these deck passengers and the second and third class passengers, although there was probably contact with the native crew" signed Dr P.A. Ponsford

The case was not landed at Fremantle.

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There was a total complement on board of 305, and this included.

Ship's crew from the Burns Philp owned SS Mangola", and the New Zealand owned, Wairuna and Waitapu. (neither of these three ships were sunk during WWII).

SS Tanda, was returning replacement crews for other vessels.

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Sunk by German U-Boat, U-181, in the Bay of Bengal on the 15th July 1944.

Type: Steam merchant Tonnage: 7,174 tons. Completed 1914 - A. Stephen & Sons Ltd, Linthouse, Glasgow Owner: Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Co Ltd, London Date of attack: 15 Jul 1944 Nationality: British Fate: Sunk by U-181 (Kurt Freiwald) Position: 13.22N, 74.09E Grid MS 5569 Complement: 216 (19 dead and 197 survivors) Route Melbourne - Colombo. Bombay Cargo 5600 tons of general cargo, including 800 tons of copra and tallow History: Completed in May 1914 as Tanda for British India Steam Navigation Co Ltd, London. On 2 Oct, 1914, requisitioned as hospital ship HMHS Madras, later used as transport and returned to owner as SM Tanda in 1920. 1924 transferred to Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Co Ltd, London. Notes on loss: At 22.13 hours on 15 Jul, 1944, the unescorted SM Tanda (Master Thomas John Mills) was hit by two torpedoes from U-181 and sank about 52 miles northwest of Mangalore in the Arabian Sea. 18 crew members and one passenger were lost. The master, 158 crew members, twelve gunners and 26 passengers were picked up.